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All,

As we've been discussing, Region 10 is providing an update regarding the ongoing review of the Pebble Project Preliminary Final EIS, as well as an opportunity for input on the compilation of draft technical comments to be provided to the Corps as part of our role as a cooperating agency for EIS development.

Attached please find an overview briefing regarding current project status, including a summary table that provides a high level look at the major issue areas. As described in the table, the three areas with the most extensive outstanding issues remaining to be addressed in the NEPA arena are water quality, wetlands/streams/aquatic resources, and fisheries resources. Also attached is the first draft of technical comments on the PFEIS. The comments have been compiled in the Excel spreadsheet format requested by the Corps. Please note that this draft may change as a result of the meetings scheduled in Anchorage between the Corps and cooperating agencies for the week of March 9th. Staff will continue their review of the PFEIS and related materials and will be refining the technical comments.

We welcome your input on the draft comments by COB Friday 3/13. Please note that because of the draft nature of the spreadsheet, it may not be the best use of your time to provide detailed line edits. The Region anticipates that the originally planned two-day "awareness level" review for career leadership, proposed to take place closer to the end of the review period, is now superseded by this current opportunity for review and input between 3/6 and 3/13. The Region will be finalizing the comments the week of 3/16, incorporating HQ and Regional management input as well as making any adjustments pursuant to the outcomes of the technical meetings in Anchorage.

PFEIS Comments from the EPA and the other cooperating agencies are due to the Corps on 3/23.

Thank you for coordinating with the Region on this important project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Andrew Baca, Director of the Regional Administrator's Division, at 206-553-6387.

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